

House Resolution No. 1178

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State churches that have helped improve quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritual leadership endeavors; and

Whereas, Little Union Baptist Church is located west of Palmyra, Missouri, along state highway 168 in Marion County; and

Whereas, on March 30, 2008, Little Union Baptist Church will celebrate the One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary of its establishment by holding a special afternoon service; and

Whereas, founded on March 30, 1833, as Prairie Baptist Church of Christ, Little Union Baptist Church first met in the home of William Phillips, entered the Salt River Association in September 1834, helped to found Bethel Baptist Association one month later in October 1834, and finally completed its first building in 1841 after having started construction in 1834; and

Whereas, charter members of Little Union Baptist Church included Sarah Phillips, Mary Phillips, Rhoda Foreman, Mary Jane Reid, James Profitt, Louise Profitt, Guerant Mosely, Elizabeth Mosely, and a person known now only as Polly; and

Whereas, the name Prairie Baptist Church of Christ was changed to Little Union Baptist Church in September 1833 and remained that way until 1856 when the "Little" was dropped, only to be reinstated in 1931; and

Whereas, the original church building was destroyed by a storm, after which a similar building was erected in 1856 with a school located in the upper story until a freestanding school could be built east of the church; and

Whereas, Sunday School was begun in 1844 and held regularly except for the winter months when the building was too difficult to heat; and

Whereas, today's Little Union Baptist Church meets for worship and education in a building that was dedicated on August 26, 1917:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Little Union Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their esteemed religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Little Union Baptist Church of rural Palmyra, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Bringer
District No. 6

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1178, adopted March 19, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker